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Abstract of the Disclosure:

A method and a device determine an interruption state of a communication connection between a domestic appliance and a controller. The communication connection is between the domestic appliance, optionally connected in a local area network to further domestic appliances, to a bus line configuration, including a bus line controller, by which information about the status of the domestic appliance is transmitted to the bus line controller. A fixed criterion of the domestic appliance is repeatedly requested over time by the bus line controller. On an established communication connection, a reply signal is transmitted. Should no reply signal be transmitted, an interruption in the communication connection is assumed. A search operation is carried out until a reply is obtained from the domestic appliance and than updated status information is transmitted to the bus line controller.